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Hon. Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
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Re: Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B
Crooked Bayou Field
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **AMERADA HESS CORPORATION** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B, in the Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Middle Miocene Sand Reservoir B, in the Crooked Bayou Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, said unit to be designated MIDD MIO RB SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To designate Amerada Hess Corporation as operator of the proposed unit.

4. To designate the Amerada Hess Corporation – W. G. Smith et al No. 2 Well as unit well for the proposed unit.

5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B, in the Crooked Bayou Field, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

7. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Middle Miocene Sand Reservoir B, in the Crooked Bayou Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 8,772 feet and 8,853 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Amerada Hess Corporation – W. G. Smith et al No. 2 ST Well, located in Section 33, Township 15 South, Range 15 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

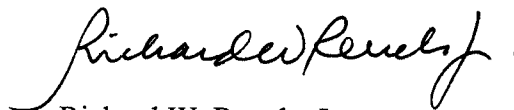
Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. Louis Gilbert at Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Ste. 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216, Telephone No. 504/834-8112.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, pre-application notice was given; however, no request for the conference was received. Therefore, the conference tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2001, WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plat (being the same plat attached to the pre-application notice dated November 7, 2001) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plat and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Attachments
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Office of Conservation
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

R 15 E

T 15 S

T 16 S
Cuatro Caballo

MIDD MIO RB SU A
W.G Smith No. 2 ST
+/- 227 Acres

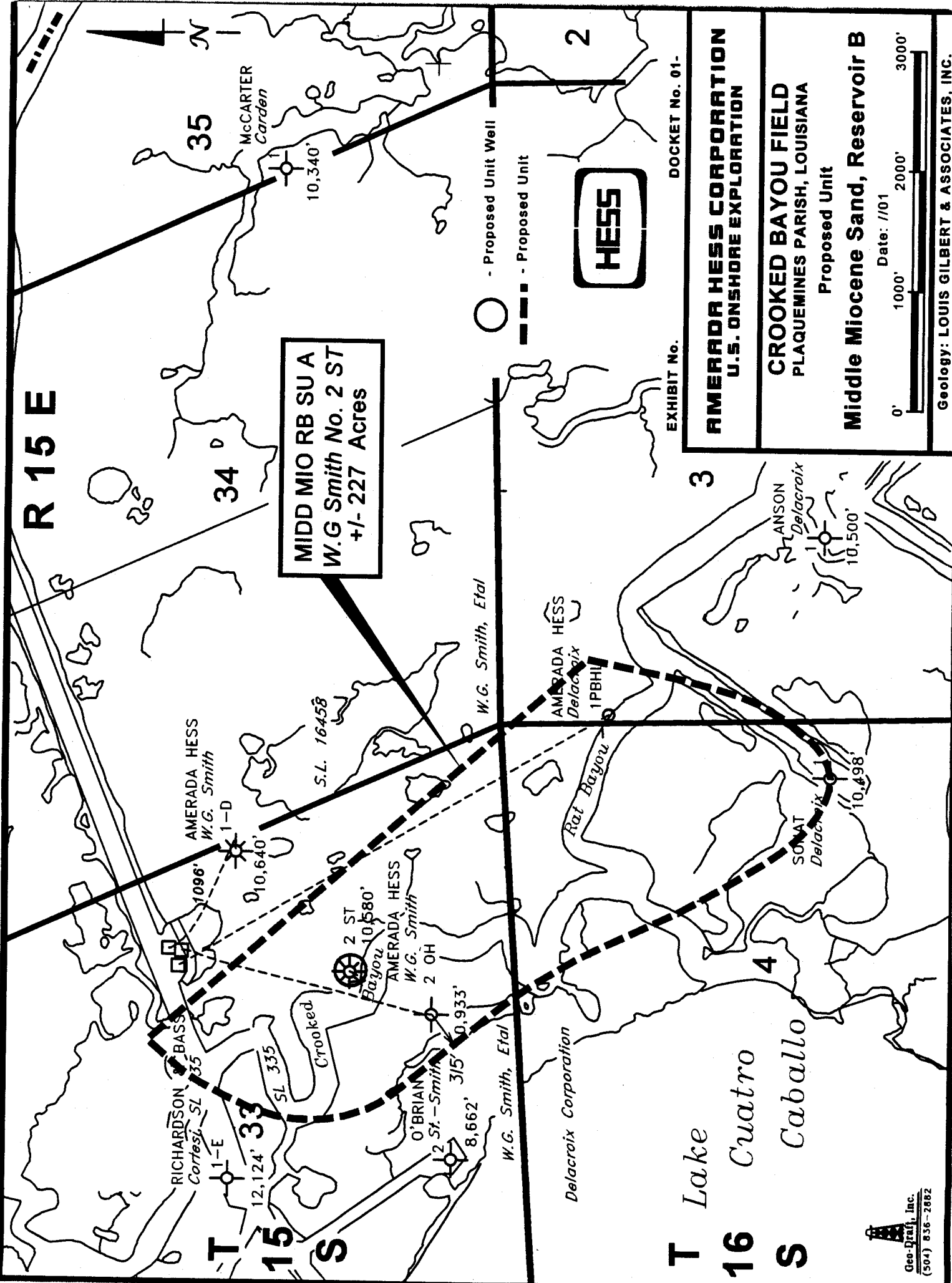


EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No. 01-

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION
U.S. ONSHORE EXPLORATION

CROOKED BAYOU FIELD
PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Unit

Middle Miocene Sand, Reservoir B

Date: 1/01

0' 1000' 2000' 3000'

Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.